

The Comprehension Toolkit: Anchor Lessons
Lesson Title List for Grades 3-5 - RCS

Cluster 1: Monitor Comprehension	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
1. Follow Your Inner Conversation Listen to the voice in your head and leave tracks of your thinking	<u><i>Amelia's Road</i></u> by Linda Altman <u><i>Fly Away Home</i></u> by Eve Bunting	<u><i>*How Many Days to America?</i></u> <u><i>A Thanksgiving Story</i></u> by Eve Bunting	<u><i>Train to Somewhere</i></u> by Eve Bunting <u><i>Gleam and Glow</i></u> by Eve Bunting
2. Notice When You Lose Your Way Monitoring your inner voice to focus your thinking	<i>Any difficult text</i>	<i>Any difficult text</i>	<i>*Stealing Beauty</i> Sourcebook <i>Any difficult text</i>
3. Read, Write and Talk Think your way through the text	Testing, Testing Sourcebook	Saving Their Native Language Tigers Roar Back Sourcebook	<i>*Unicef and You: A Focus on Girls' Education</i> Sourcebook Ancient Mexico: Where and When Toolkit Texts 4/5
Cluster 2: Activate & Connect	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
4. Follow the Text Signposts Use nonfiction features to guide learning	<u><i>The Life and Times of the Peanut</i></u> by Charles Micucci Any nonfiction book with lots of text features	<u><i>Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope or Caves</i></u> by Stephen Kramer The Braille System Toolkit Texts 4/5	<i>*Lightning</i> by Stephen Kramer One if by Land, Two if by Sea (A History of Us) Sourcebook
	Mexico Toolkit Texts 2/3	Slithering Snakes Toolkit Texts 2/3	Amazing Antarctica Where in the World Did We Come From? Toolkit Texts 4/5
5. Merge Your Thinking With New Learning Read and think about new information	Celebrating the Day of the Dead The Horse Close Up Sam Goes Trucking Exploring Our Forests Toolkit Texts 2/3	Rock Secrets Toolkit Texts 2/3 Jai Alai: The Fastest Game in the World The Chocolate Belt Toolkit Texts 4/5	<i>*Lightning</i> by Stephen Kramer One if by Land, Two if by Sea (A History of Us) Sourcebook <u><i>A River Ran Wild</i></u> by Lynne Cherry Day of the Dead Lightning Toolkit Texts 2/3 Icebergs: Floating Snow Cones Toolkit Texts 4/5

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6. Connect the New to the Known Activate and build background knowledge	*Summer of the Shark Sourcebook	Text/topic that students know some about/not a lot	My Name is Now... Toolkit Texts 4/5
Cluster 3: Ask Questions	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
7. Question the Text Learn to ask questions as you read	<i>The Wolf Girls: An Unsolved Mystery from History</i> by Jane Yolen <i>Charlie Anderson</i> by Barbara Abercrombie	*<i>The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History</i> by Jane Yolen	<i>Roanoke: The Lost Colony..An Unsolved Mystery from History</i> by Jane Yolen <i>The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark</i> by Carmen Agra Deedy and Henri Sorenson
	Moon Walking Toolkit Texts 2/3	A Strange Tree Toolkit Texts 4/5	
8. Read to Discover Answers Ask questions to gain information	*<i>First on the Moon</i> Sourcebook	Where Do I Live? Whose Feet are Whose? Toolkit Texts 2/3	<i>Living at the Bottom of the World</i> Toolkit Texts 4/5
	Making Art of Junk Toolkit Texts 2/3	The Three Shades of Chocolate Chocolate: The Happy Food The Scoop on Dino Poop An Interview with a Fire Investigator Toolkit Texts 4/5	
9. Ask Questions to Expand Thinking Wonder about the text to understand the big ideas	*<i>The Story of Ruby Bridges</i> by Robert Coles	<i>Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds</i> by Cynthia Rylant	<i>A River Ran Wild</i> by Lynne Cherry
		For Men Only? Not! Toolkit Texts 4/5	

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Cluster 4: Infer Meaning	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
10. Infer the Meaning of Unfamiliar Words Use context clues to unpack vocabulary	Where Are You Going, Manyoni? By Catherine Stock (see Reading with Meaning lesson) Any nonfiction text with a variety of context clues for vocabulary	* Titanic Sourcebook	Fly High: The Story of Bessie Coleman by Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger (see Strategies That Work lesson) Any nonfiction text with a variety of context clues for vocabulary
		Fossils Toolkit Texts 2/3	
11. Infer with Text Clues Draw conclusions from text evidence	Tight Times by Barbara Shook Hazen (see Strategies That Work lesson)	* Titanic Sourcebook	We Were Here Too! Toolkit Texts 4/5
12. Tackle the Meaning of Language Infer beyond the literal meaning	* “Moon” and “Secrets” poems Sourcebook	“Seal” poem – EOG Sample Item See Scholastic’s <u>Poems for 180 Days</u>	“We are a Living People” poem by Lori Wautier See Scholastic’s <u>Poems for 180 Days</u> .
			Dear Mother Earth: An Earthly Advice Column Words of Peace Toolkit Texts 4/5
13. Crack Open Features Infer the meaning of subheads and titles	Science Textbook – Health Handbook for “right there” subheadings Match topic to a leveled reader with inferential subheadings (Skeletal and Muscular System)	Fighting Fire From Head to Toe Swim School Toolkit Texts 4/5 Match with a text that has inferential subheadings	* Mexico Understanding Electricity Sourcebook
14. Read With a Question in Mind Infer to answer your questions	<u>A Drop of Water</u> by Walter Wick	<u>Tight Times</u> by Barbara Shook Hazen and Trina Schart Hyman	* <u>The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest</u> by Steve Jenkins
	Our Exciting Solar Neighborhood Toolkit Texts 2/3	Guide Dog Puppy Raisers Shark! Toolkit Texts 4/5	
15. Wrap Your Mind Around Big Ideas Use text evidence to infer themes	<u>Fireflies</u> by Julie Brinkloe <u>A Day’s Work</u> by Eve Bunting	<u>A Voice of Her Own: A Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet</u> by Kathryn Lasky and Paul Lee	* <u>Cheyenne Again</u> by Eve Bunting
		<u>Kids Who Make a Difference: Clean Water for Kids</u>	Kids Who Make a Difference: Rain Forest Hero Kids To the Rescue! A Magical Pen We Were Here Too! Toolkit Texts 4/5

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Cluster 5: Determine Importance	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
16. Spotlight New Thinking Learn to use a F/Q/R Chart	The First Olympics Buried Alive A Pet Iguana The Popularity of Pets Sourcebook	*At Home in the Arctic Sourcebook	One if by Land, Two if by Sea (A History of Us) Sourcebook
		PowWow Penguins in Motion Toolkit Texts 2/3	The Struggle for Equal Rights Toolkit Texts 4/5
		The Great Chicago Fire Toolkit Texts 4/5	Short Text Articles from Sourcebook (see list at end)
17. Record Important Ideas Create an FQR with historical fiction	*<u>Now Let Me Fly: The Story of a Slave Family</u> by Delores Johnson	<u>Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky</u> by Faith Ringgold and/or <u>Nettie's Trip South</u> by Ann Turner	<u>Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People, and War</u> by Yulio Tsuchiya and Ted Lewin
18. Target Key Information Code the text to hold thinking	Japan You Can Do Yoga Toolkit Texts 2/3	On the Wings of a Dream Sourcebook See other short texts for grade 4 at end of this list.	*One if by Land, Two if by Sea(A History of Us) Sourcebook
			Queen Alliquippa, Seneca Leader Women of the Negro Leagues Toolkit Texts 4/5
19. Determine What to Remember Separate interesting details from important ideas	Racing for Life/The Tour de France Sourcebook	Firefighting Through the Ages For Men Only? Not! Toolkit Texts 4/5	*One if by Land, Two if by Sea (A History of Us) Sourcebook
			Queen Alliquippa, Seneca Leader Women of the Negro Leagues Riding For Freedom Toolkit Texts 4/5
20. Distinguish Your Thinking from the Author's Contrast what you think with the author's perspective	Western Round Up Sourcebook	*Can kids stop kids from smoking? Turn it off Sourcebook	One Bad Bug Sourcebook
		You Have a Choice! Toolkit Texts 4/5	
21. Construct Main Ideas From Supporting Details Create a Topic/Detail/Response Chart	Animal Helpers On the Move Toolkit Texts 2/3	*Big Talkers Sourcebook	Riding the Rails to Hope The Japanese-American Internment Other short text articles from Sourcebook – see list at end
		Animal Ears Toolkit Texts 2/3	
		Swim School Toolkit Texts 4/5	

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Cluster 6: Summarize and Synthesize	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
22. Read, Think, and React Paraphrase and respond to information	Flying High Toolkit Texts 2/3	The Long Swim Toolkit Texts 4/5	* The Maya Sourcebook
23. Think Beyond the Text Move from facts to ideas	* Garana's Story Sourcebook	Aim for the Stars Toolkit Texts 2/3	War: What Happens When Nations Don't Work Out The Negro Baseball League Jack Roosevelt Robinson Toolkit Texts 4/5
24. Read to Get the Gist Synthesize your thinking as you go	* The Many Faces of Masks Sourcebook	By Land, Sea and Air Toolkit Texts 2/3 Dozens of Dinos Toolkit Texts 4/5	Aztec School Days Inalienable Rights Toolkit Texts 4/5
25. Reread and Rethink Rethink misconceptions and tie opinions to the text	The Passion of Cesar Chavez Sourcebook	The Case Against Soda Sourcebook	* Hard at Work Sourcebook
26. Read, Write and Reflect Create a summary response to extend thinking	Aliens Cover Up? Seeing Aliens Sourcebook	* The Comeback Humpbacks Sourcebook	September 11, 1001 The Great Depression: Mired in Poverty Influential Advertising Sourcebook
Other Sourcebook Texts	The Importance of Hard Work Sourcebook	Magic Women A Master Magician A Beloved Loser Horse Behavior Making Honey The Super Ant Gypsy Musician Music with a Cause The History of Photography The Life of Frida Kahlo Sourcebook	Navajo Code Talkers Boycott for Change How Much is Enough? The Money Game Naming Hurricanes Hurricane Hunters Real Giants The Power of Niagara Falls Flemish Painters: Artistic Survivors Oscar Schindler How Computers Work The Greenhouse Effect Ozone Hole The Textile Industry Sourcebook

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